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To Whom It May Concern,

Please be informed that as a concerned citizen and hence concerned consumer of the United States, I would like to side with the Department of Justice against Microsoft Corporation. I have been in the information technologies field for over eleven years now and I have constantly had to submit to the very limitations on innovation that the company has set forth. In fact, throughout the company's history, it has inhibited technological advancement by controlling if not completely subjugating its competition. The company was formed by Mr. Bill Gates with the sole purpose of getting ahead not technologically, but fiscally. His goals have always been to destroy that which opposes him and in their stead dominate the computer market. I have seen competitive operating systems rise, and then fail, causing the collapse of companies as a direct result of Microsoft's monopoly. An example of this is Be Incorporated, a software company that marketed its BeOS (www.be.com). The company was recently forced to sell "substantially all of its intellectual property and other technology assets to Palm, Inc. and [cause] the dissolution of Be through the adoption of a plan of dissolution." (Source: <http://www.be.com/>) There have been several other attempts to compete against Microsoft, but have failed and resulted in the dissolving of software corporations. Not only does this affect the technology industry, but the gross U.S. economy, as it removes the very competitive viability that defines capitalism. In the best interest of technological and economic growth, I strongly believe that the Department of Justice must curb the overpowering corporation and put an end to the monopolic practices and restricting technologies of Microsoft. As the world moves towards complete electronic commerce, and billions of dollars go into electronic transactions annually, we must ensure that this new marketplace remains corporately viable and economically in tact, open to all who want to expand

and grow. Intervention is the safety net for innovation, and the US Government must protect the interests of its domestic industries in order to protect the interests of its consumers. Where do I want to today? Towards technological advancement and away from restricting corporations. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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